

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-20 and 28-36 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 17, 20, 30, and 35 are independent claims. Claims 1, 5, 17, 20, 30, 33, and 35 are amended, and claims 2, 21-27, 32 and 37 are canceled. In the Final Office Action dated December 20, 2007 ("Final Office Action"), the Examiner stated that claims 2-5, 11, 17, 22, 32-34, and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on this statement and the foregoing amendments, all of Applicants' independent claims, and therefore all pending claims, are believed to be in condition for allowance. However, Applicants do not acquiesce to any of the grounds of rejection set forth in the Final Office Action, and reserve the right to file a continuation application to re-capture subject matter that was otherwise given up by the foregoing amendments.

CONCLUSION

All rejections have been addressed. In view of the above, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. It is believed that any fees associated with the filing of this paper are identified in an accompanying transmittal. However, if any additional fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 18-0013, under Order No. 65632-0107. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged against the aforementioned account.

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